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## Man Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for Sexual Assault of Elderly Woman in Hollywood

A man was sentenced today to 25 years to life in state prison for sexually assaulting an 80-year-old woman in her Hollywood apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Marcus Datwione Peete (dob 11/12/82) pleaded no contest to sexual penetration by an unknown object and admitted the special allegations that the crime was committed during the commission of a burglary and he inflicted great bodily injury. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Leslie A. Swain immediately sentenced Peete and ordered lifetime registration as a sex offender as part of the negotiated plea agreement.

According to court testimony, Peete forced his way into the victim's home on June 18, 2016, after she answered the front door, then pushed her into a bedroom and began beating her. He punched her multiple times in the face and sexually assaulted her before fleeing.

Peete was arrested the next day near Crenshaw and Olympic boulevards.

Deputy District Attorney Elena Abramson of the Elder Abuse Section prosecuted case BA448034.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.